GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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KAIGA ATOMIC POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kaiga Atomic Power Project in Karnataka has not yet been completed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any cost-overrun due to delay in completion of the project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY

(SMT. VASUNDHRA RAJE)
(a) & (b) The construction of the Kaiga Atomic Power Project got delayedmainly due to delamination incident of Unit-1 reactor dome in May 1994. However, Unit-2 of the Project has now been completed and commenced commercial operation with effect from 16.3.2000. The anticipated criticality date of Unit-1 is September, 2000.

(c) & (d) There is a cost-overurn of Rs.621 crore from the latestapproved cost of Rs.2275 crore, mainly due to increase in Interest During Construction (IDC) and escalation and overhead expenditure resulting from the time over-run.

(e) Unit-2 has already been completed and commenced commercial operation on 16.3.2000. The anticipated criticality date of Unit-1 is September 2000.